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tomorrow, and next week, they can look at the impact of this down the line. All of the grain that will be fed, they know where it is, they know who has got it, they know how much is...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...going to have to be sent here, there, or elsewhere, to meet the needs of those who are going to use feed grain. Without looking at what Argentina and Brazil are doing, America is lost. Any person from this country who goes and looks at the agricultural activities in those two countries can see that it is just a matter of time before America is completely engulfed. Senator Wehrbein pointed out a crucial factor, \$100 an acre over here versus over \$2,000 an acre in America. You start off in the hole. You cannot catch up. You cannot overcome that, and they are not getting government subsidies either. What we're doing here is futile. It makes people feel good, but with these ethanol bills, we're only helping the investors, not the farmers.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Dierks, would move to invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Section 10.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Could I have a call of the house, please?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: A call of the house?

SENATOR DIERKS: Please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is, shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.